GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration and Stamps Department – Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri P. Venkateswara Rao, former District Registrar (Retired), Anantapuramu under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charges framed – Written Statement of Defence submitted – REO & PO appointed – Inquiry Report submitted – Inquiry Report communicated - Representation received – Provisional decision of imposition of penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year – Show Cause Notice issued – Explanation received – Obtained the concurrence of the APPSC - Imposition of penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.554 Dated:07.09.2021

Read the following:

1. From the D&IG,R&S,AP, Hyderabad, Lr.No.Vig.2/8529/2015, dt.02.09.2015.
2. G.O.Rt.No.371, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Department, Dated: 01.10.2015
3. G.O.Rt.No.921, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Department, Dated:01.10.2015.
4. WSD from Sri P.Venkateswara Rao,former District Registrar,dt.18.11.2015.
5. G.O.Rt.No.397, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Department, Dated:04.04.2016.
6. G.O.Rt.No.398, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Department, Dated:04.04.2016.
7. Govt., Memo.No:19108/Vig.II(2)/2015-4,dated:14.08.2018.
8. Letter from D&IG, R&S, AP, VJY Lr.No:Vig.2/8529/2015, dated:07.08.2018
9. Letter from the DIG, R&S, Ananthapuram Lr.No.E/93/2015, dt.29.09.2018.
10. Govt., memo.No.19108/Vig.II(2)/2015-5, dated:13.11.2018.
11. Representation dated: 03.01.2019 from Sri P. Venkateswara Rao, former District Registrar (Retd).
12. Govt.memo No. 19108/Vig.II(2)/2015, dated: 29.05.2019.
13. Govt.memo No. 19108/Vig.II(2)/2015, dated: 10.01.2020.
14. Letter from C&IG, R&S, AP, VJY Lr.No.Vig.2/8529/2015,dated:15.12.2020.
15. Govt. Letter No. 19108/Vig.II(2)/2015, dated: 27.05.2021.
16. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.290/DC&C/2021, dated:09.07.2021

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ORDER:

It was brought to the notice of the Government by the Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad vide reference 1st read above that Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then District Registrar (Retired), Anantapur sanctioned encashment of Earned Leave to Sri M.Chandrappa, Joint Sub Registrar-I (Retired), Registrar Office (Original Branch), Anantapur against whom recovery orders are in force for Rs.15.99 lakhs sent by the Government and thereby he committed irregularity and violated the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1991. The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad while enclosing the draft article of charges against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former District Registrar (Retired), has proposed to initiate disciplinary proceedings against him as Government is competent authority against District Registrar level cadres. Accordingly, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri P. Venkateswara Rao, the then District Registrar (Retired), Anantapur duly framing following articles of charges vide reference 3rd read above.

Charge:

"....while discharging his duties as District Registrar, Ananthapuramu sanctioned encashment of Earned Leave of 285 days to Sri M. Chandrappa, Joint Sub Registrar-I, Registrar Office (Original Branch), Ananthapuramu (Retired on 30.06.2008) vide District Registrar Proceedings No.428/E/2012,

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dated: 30.08.2012 in violation of Government orders in G.O.Rt.No.1097, Finance & Planning (FW-Pen-I) Department, Dated:22.06.2000, even though the Government ordered 100% cut in pension permanently besides recovery of Rs.15.99 Lakhs from Sri M.Chandrappa in G.O.Ms.No. 453, Revenue (Vigilance-VI) Department, Dt:16.07.2012. And another disciplinary case relating to Anti Corruption Bureau surprise check on 28.07.2008 on Registrar Office (Original Branch), Ananthapuramu was also pending against Sri M.Chandrappa, as on the date of sanction of encashment of earned leave to Sri M.Chandrappa."

2. The Charged Officer submitted Written Statement of Defence vide reference 4th read above. As it was not convincing, a regular enquiry was ordered by appointing a Regular Enquiry Officer vide reference 5th read above. The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, has furnished the Inquiry report submitted by the Inquiry officer & Additional Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh vide reference 8th read above and as per findings the charge framed against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao (Retired) former District Registrar, Ananthapuramu is held "proved".

3. The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Ananthapuram (FAC) vide reference 9th cited has stated that Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, District Registrar, Ananthapuramu (Now Retired) has submitted a representation stating that he has remitted an amount of Rs.2,44,226/- regarding sanction/Drawing of Encashment of Earned Leave for 285 days to Sri M.Chandrappa, Joint Sub Registrar, Registrar Office (Original Branch), Ananthapuramu (Now retired).

4. Government after examining the matter, communicated the enquiry report to the delinquent officer Sri P. Venkateswara Rao, former District Registrar, Anantapur (retired) as required under Rule 21 (2) of APCS(CC&A)Rules 1991 vide reference 10th read above. In response, the Charged Officer Sri P. Venkateswara Rao, former District Registrar, Anantapur (retired) has submitted his representation reference 11th read above.

5. Government, after examining the same and after obtaining the advice of the competent authority under AP Vigilance Scheme, have provisionally decided to impose 5% cut in pension for a period of one year against Sri P. Venkateswara Rao, former District Registrar, Anantapur (retired) under rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for the charge that is held proved and accordingly, issued Show cause Notice vide reference 12th read above.

6. Government, after examining the matter, have decided to impose 5% cut in pension for a period of one year against Sri P. Venkateswara Rao, former District Registrar, Anantapur (retired) duly following the procedure mentioned under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules 1980. The A.P. Public Service Commission have also agreed with the proposal of the Government vide reference 16th read above.

7. Government, after examining the matter, have decided to impose 5% cut in pension for a period of one year against Sri P. Venkateswara Rao, former District Registrar, Anantapur (retired) duly following the procedure mentioned under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules 1980. The A.P. Public Service Commission have also agreed with the proposal of the Government vide reference 16th read above.

8. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose the penalty of five percent (5%) cut in pension for a period of one year against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former District Registrar (Retired), Anantapur in terms of Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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9. The Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, former District Registrar, Anantapur (Retd.) (through the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada).
The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to APVC.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Ananthapuram.
SC/SF.

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SECTION OFFICER